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Darwin Prockop et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003 (Paper No. 41), sent in connection with the above-referenced application. This Amendment is being timely filed in view of the Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time, enclosed herewith, which extends the time for filing a Response to and including June 30, 2003. Responsive to the Office Action, kindly amend the application as follows:

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